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TOPIC STAAKEN Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT see below

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1. 22 September to 1 October 1949:

The following aircraft types were seen at the STAAKEN (N 53/Z 65) airfield :

a. Type 1: Low-wing monoplane, cut wing tips, wings slightly dihedral, wing roots slightly curved, static tube set at right wing, radial engine, three-bladed propeller, shape of elevator assembly same as wings, leading edge of rudder assembly slanting, trailing edge rounded, retractable landing gear faired, tail wheel retracting, slim fuselage, front section of cockpit fairing into fuselage, antenna rod aft of cockpit without wire connection, painted green, no special markings other than Soviet star emblem.

b. Type 2: Similar to type 1, but wings not rounded at fuselage cross section of fuselage more rounded, antenna rod on top of cockpit.

c. Type 3: Low-wing monoplane, wings long and slim, two short and stubby radial engines set close to fuselage, single rudder assembly, straight trailing edge, landing gear retracting, stubby fuselage projecting over engine, searchlight on top of fuselage nose, cockpit beyond leading edge of wings, antenna rod aft of cockpit, nine windows at left side of fuselage, eight windows and a door at right side, upper section painted green, lower section blue.

d. Type 4: Similar to type 2; landing gear with four tires, nose and tail wheel, painted white with yellow edges.

2. 22 September 1949:

A formation of 42 aircraft of type 1 approached the field from the west at 6 p.m. Upon a red smoke signal the planes landed

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in elements of two at 6:30 p.m. Ten type 3 aircraft, one P0-2 and one type 4 plane were also parked at the field (for position see Annex 1). Supply truck [redacted] and passenger car [redacted] occupied by three officers wearing braided epoulets and blue cap ribbons, were observed. ++

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25X1B3. 25 September 1949:

Four single-engine aircraft were seen in hazy weather in front of the hangars and nine aircraft of type 3 near the kaserne. There was no flying. Truck [redacted] and passenger car [redacted] were seen. The searchlight beside the radio station west of the field was seen in operation at night.

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4. 1 October 1949:

The following aircraft were observed at the field in the morning: Seven aircraft of type 3 parked in front of the hangars, five planes of type 2, and 4 aircraft whose type could not be determined. There was little flying observed. The following motor vehicles were stationed at the field:

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[redacted] truck
 [redacted] truck
 [redacted] ambulance
 [redacted] truck with box-like superstructure

A scaffolding with a railing about 5 feet high was being erected on the roof of a building located in the restricted area behind the kaserne. A round apparatus about 3 feet in diameter, covered with tarpaulins, was standing on the scaffolding. +++

5. The attached photographs of type 4 aircraft were taken.

25X1A [redacted] Comment:

+ a. The aircraft described are:

Type 1: LA-9s
 Type 2: Presumably LA-5s
 Type 3: LI-2s
 Type 4: IL-12s

++ b. The 42 LA-9s were apparently stationed there temporarily. According to the last observation, the field is not occupied by fighter units. The unit equipped with LI-2s was stationed in SOULIALE up to late August 1949. [redacted]

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[redacted] a training unit of the III Bmr Corps was assumed to be there, but [redacted] has not been confirmed by any other reports.

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+++ c. This is possibly a radar set. It is reported for the first time.

2 Annexes: 1. Photograph of [redacted] airfield
 2. Blueprint of [redacted] airfield

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